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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

HIROSHI YAMANE et al. Conf. 5695

Application No. 10/766,910 Group 1725

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS
CASTING OF METALS

AMENDMENT

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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July 13, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 9, 2006, for which the period for response has been extended one month AND A Notice of Appeal filed June 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.